



# Manistee County Board of Commissioners

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## **GREEN TEAM/RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

Friday, January 9, 2009  
1:30 P.M.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center  
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

### **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Allan O'Shea, Chairperson; Carl Rutske; and Glenn Lottie

**Others Present:** Thomas D. Kaminski, County Controller/Administrator; Sue Wagner, County Planner; Kendra Thompson, Architect; Mary Pitcher, AES; Kevin Mulvihill, Abonmarche; Bruce Schimke, Maintenance Supervisor; Kathy Scarlata, Community Member; Charles Haemker, Library Executive Director; Andrea Cosier, Library Head of Youth Services; and Rachel Nelson, Administrative Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M.

### **ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

Mr. Haemker informed the Committee that he is submitting an ICMA Public Library Innovation Grant. This is a national grant which can give \$20,000 to \$60,000 to the recipients. Mr. Haemker has been working with Mr. Kaminski, Ms. Wagner, Ms. Jensen and Ms. Nelson to complete the application. The grant would allow the library to have a summer intern who would help educate the community about going green.

There was discussion regarding LED parking lot lights. Ms. Thompson stated that she would be against LED parking lot lights for the Courthouse because her research shows that the technology isn't developed enough, plus the light fixtures would have to be replaced and they were only installed five years ago. Mr. Schimke stated that there are several wall-mounted parking lot lights at the Sheriff's Office/Jail that are currently not functioning. He felt that this would be a good area to try the LED lights and Ms. Thompson agreed that the technology for wall-mounted lights is more developed. Mr. Schimke will continue to research the possibilities.

Mr. O'Shea asked that the Road Commission be invited again to be a part of the Green Team.

Mr. Mulvihill reported on his meeting with Phil Jaquish, Pat Donovan and Dendra Best regarding the fairgrounds. They discussed many ideas and looked at what some other communities are doing. He suggested that some members of the Green Team may want to visit the Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center (MAREC) in Muskegon. Mr. Donovan had mentioned the idea of a land swap, and Mr. O'Shea stated that perhaps he could attend the next Green

Team meeting to discuss this further. Mr. Rutske noted that some people will probably resist the idea of moving the fairgrounds. Mr. Lottie noted that the fairgrounds is so constricted at its current location.

Mary Russell has been working on a project at Lighthouse Landing regarding runoff water, etc. Perhaps she will be able to attend the next meeting to discuss what she is doing.

Ms. Pitcher reported that she just finished her first official week on the job and things are going well so far. Mr. O'Shea noted that he has appointed Ms. Pitcher to the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments Solid Waste Advisory Council. A "Green Today, Jobs Tomorrow" conference will be held by DLEG in Lansing, MI on May 11, 2009.

It was mentioned that perhaps the Committee should send a letter to Glen's requesting that their new store be energy efficient.

In 2009, the Green Team/Recycling Committee will meet on the first Friday of the month at 1:30 P.M. in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room, except for the July meeting, which will be held on Thursday, July 2, 2009 at 1:30 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

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Allan O'Shea, Chairperson

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Glenn Lottie, Commissioner

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Carl Rutske, Commissioner